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Senate

The third day of January being the day prescribed by the Constitution of the United States for the annual meeting of the Congress, the Senate assembled in its Chamber at the Capitol for the commencement of the 1st session of the 113th Congress and at 12:01 p.m. was called to order by the Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chaplain will lead the Senate in prayer.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal God, we thank You that we are more than conquerors because You love us. We praise You that today Your conquering spirit has brought our beloved Senator MARK KIRK back to work in these hallowed Halls.

We are grateful that nothing can separate us from Your love, neither death, nor life, nor heights, nor depths, nor any created thing.

Give our Senators today spiritual, intellectual, and physical revitalization, infusing them with Your peace and power. Bless the lawmakers who will take the oath today. Fill them with Your spirit so that their lives will honor You.

We pray in Your merciful Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The VICE PRESIDENT led the pledge of allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair lays before the Senate one certificate of election to fulfill an unexpired term and the certificates of election of 33 Senators for 6-year terms beginning January 3, 2013. All certificates, the

Chair is advised, are in the form suggested by the Senate or contain all the essential requirements of the form suggested by the Senate. If there is no objection, the reading of the certificates will be waived and they will be printed in full in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD as follows:

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the sixth day of November, two thousand and twelve Elizabeth A. Warren was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts a Senator from said Commonwealth to represent said Commonwealth in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, two thousand and thirteen.

Witness: His Excellency, the Governor, Deval L. Patrick, and our seal hereto affixed at Boston, this twenty-eighth day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve.

DEVAL L. PATRICK,
By His Excellency, the Governor.

WILLIAM F. GALVIN,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

[Estate Seal Affixed]

STATE OF WISCONSIN Office of the Governor

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR A SIX-YEAR TERM, UNITED STATES SENATOR, NOVEMBER 6, 2012

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 6th day of November, 2012, Tammy Baldwin was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Wisconsin a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2013.

Witness: His excellency our governor Scott Walker, and our seal hereto affixed at Madison this 6th day of December 2012.

By the Governor:

SCOTT WALKER,
Governor.

DOUGLAS LAFOLLETTE,
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

WYOMING

Secretary of State

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM
To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 6th day of November 2012, John Barrasso was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Wyoming, a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January 2013.

Witness: His Excellency our governor, Matthew H. Mead, and our seal hereto affixed at the Wyoming State Capitol, Cheyenne, Wyoming, this 15th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2012.

By the governor:

MATTHEW H. MEAN,
Governor.

MAX MAXFIELD,
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

THE STATE OF OHIO

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM
U.S. SENATOR

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 6th day of November 2012, Sherrod Brown was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Ohio a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3d day of January, 2013.

Witness: His excellency our governor, and our seal hereto affixed at Columbus, Ohio, this 7th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2012.

By the governor:

JOHN R. KASICH,
Governor.

JON HUSTED,
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF WASHINGTON CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that at the General Election held in the state of Washington on the 6th day of November, 2012, Maria Cantwell was duly chosen by the qualified electors of

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.



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